

**We Claim:**

1. An isolated and purified human protein having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of the amino acid sequences shown in SEQ ID Nos:20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38.

2. An isolated and purified human protein having an amino acid sequence which is at least 85% identical to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of the amino acid sequences shown in SEQ ID Nos:20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38.

3. An isolated and purified human polypeptide comprising at least 6 contiguous amino acids of an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of the amino acid sequences shown in SEQ ID Nos:20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38.

4. A fusion protein comprising a first protein segment and a second protein segment fused together by means of a peptide bond, wherein the first protein segment consists of at least 6 contiguous amino acids selected from the group consisting of the amino acid sequences shown in SEQ ID Nos:20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38.

5. A preparation of antibodies which specifically bind to the human protein of claim 1.

6. An isolated and purified subgenomic polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of the nucleotide sequences shown in SEQ ID NOs:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19.

7. An isolated gene corresponding to a cDNA sequence selected from the group consisting of the nucleotide sequences shown in SEQ ID NOs:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19.

8. A DNA construct for expressing all or a portion of a human protein having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of the amino acid

sequences shown in SEQ ID Nos:20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38, comprising:

a promoter; and

a polynucleotide segment encoding at least 6 contiguous amino acids of the human protein, wherein the polynucleotide segment is located downstream from the promoter, wherein transcription of the polynucleotide segment initiates at or 3' to the promoter.

9. A host cell comprising a DNA construct comprising:

a promoter; and

a polynucleotide segment encoding at least 6 contiguous amino acids of a human protein having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of the amino acid sequences shown in SEQ ID NOs:20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38, wherein the polynucleotide segment is located downstream from the promoter and wherein transcription of the polynucleotide segment initiates at or 3' to the promoter.

10. A homologously recombinant cell having incorporated therein a new transcription initiation unit, wherein the new transcription initiation unit comprises in 5' to 3' order:

(a) an exogenous regulatory sequence;

(b) an exogenous exon; and

(c) a splice donor site,

wherein the transcription initiation unit is located upstream to a coding sequence of a gene, wherein the gene comprises a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of the nucleotide sequences shown in SEQ ID NOs:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19 and wherein the exogenous regulatory sequence controls transcription of the coding sequence of the gene.

11. A method of producing a human protein, comprising the steps of:

growing a culture of a cell comprising a DNA construct comprising

(1) a promoter and (2) a polynucleotide segment encoding at least 6 contiguous amino acids of a human protein having an amino acid sequence selected from the



